DRAFT CRIMINAL JUSTICE (COMPENSATION ORDERS) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200- (P.206/2000): ADDENDUM

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The Criminal Justice (Compensation Orders) (Jersey) Law 1994 made new provision empowering Jersey courts to order the payment of compensation by persons convicted of crime. Thus the Magistrate's Court and the Royal Court were empowered to order a convicted person to pay compensation for any personal injury, loss or damage resulting from an offence or to make payments for funeral expenses in certain circumstances.

Article 2(2) of the 1994 Law provides that a compensation order shall be of such amount as the court considers appropriate, having regard to the evidence and various representations which can be made to the court.

Article 2(3) of the 1994 Law fixed at a maximum of £2,000 the compensation payable by order of the Magistrate's Court or the Youth Court, but empowered the States by regulations to fix a different maximum.

The Committee considers that it is now appropriate for the existing ceiling of £2,000 under Article 2(3) to be fixed at a maximum of \pounds 5,000. The purpose of the draft Regulations is to increase the jurisdiction of the Magistrate's Court and the Youth Court accordingly.